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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please make the following amendment.

In the Claims

17. (Amended) A stent comprising:

a stent body expandable between an un-deployed orientation and a deployed orientation, the stent body having a longitudinal axis extending between first and second open ends;

the stent body having a plurality of adjacent circumferential support structures, the circumferential support structures being spaced- apart along the longitudinal axis;

each support structure including longitudinal struts interconnected at apex portions, the longitudinal struts and apex portions defining an undulating pattern; and

a plurality of circumferential connecting struts interconnecting at least some of the adjacent circumferential support structures, the circumferential connecting struts extending between the apex portions of adjacent circumferential support structures, at least some of the circumferential connecting struts having a width greater than a width of the longitudinal struts,